

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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Accelerated Fodder Development Programme
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is still operating Accelerated Fodder Development Programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the allocations made by the Government to various States of the country during the last three years and the current year under AFDP;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide quality fodder to various States of the country including Tamil Nadu which were affected by severe droughts during the recent years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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- (a): No, Madam. However, Government of India is providing assistance for Fodder Development as a special measures in the eventuality of declaration of drought for the drought affected Talukas/Districts on specific demand from concerned states since 2014-15.
- (b): Central fund provided for this Fodder Development programme to the drought affected states on their request are annexed at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d): Government of Tamil Nadu has not submitted any specific proposal for seeking central assistance for Fodder Development till date for drought affected areas, so the question of providing special assistance to the State for this purpose does not arise.

Besides, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries (DADF), Government of India is implementing National Livestock Mission since 2014-15 with a Sub-Mission of Feed and Fodder Development. Under this sub-mission financial assistance is provided to the farmers/Co-operatives through the States/UTs under the components and state-wise funds released under Sub Mission on Feed and Fodder Development of National Livestock Mission during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 are given at Annexure-II (A&B).